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SUBJECT: JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE -
COMMUNITY LEADER MEET

REF: USUN 1181 - POL 23-8 US

1. TV AND PRESS COVERED KOSHER LUNCHEON MTG MAY 18 BETWEEN RABBI MEIR KAHANE AND DR. THOMAS MATTHEW, HEAD OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RECONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATION (NEGRO) AT LATTER'S CONVERTED HARLEM WAREHOUSE. MATTHEW REQUESTED MTG AFTER RECENT BROOKLYN COLLEGE BLACK-JEWISH FRACAS. BOTH AGREED SET UP JOINT COMITES IN BLACK-JEWISH COMMUNITIES. DR. MATTHEW, WHO ASSISTED BY CLUB-WIELDING FOLLOWERS, SAID HE GOT "CLEAR CUT UNDERSTANDING" THAT JDL NOT ANTI-BLACK.

2. DR. MATTHEW ANNOUNCED THAT NEGRO WILL APPLY TO SEND COMMISSION TO SOV UNION ABOUT JUNE 15 TO PREPARE REPORT FOR GUIDANCE US BLACKS WHO SUPPORT JEWS ON RIGHT TO EMIGRATE ISRAEL. PLANS ASK SOV GOVT PERMIT SOV JEWS GO TO THIRD COUNTRY FOR TWO YEARS, AFTER WHICH DR. MATTHEW HOPES ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE WILL BE SETTLED.

3. DR. MATTHEW TOLD TV REPORTERS BLACKS CONSIDER SOV

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DIPLOMATS TO BE GUESTS IN US TO BE TREATED AS SUCH.
HE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT SOV WIVES HARASSED ON SHOPPING
TRIPS. SAID NEGRO, IF SHUN REQUESTS, WLD PROVIDE GUARDS
FROM OWN ORGANIZATION TO ACCOMPANY SOV DIPLOMATS ON STREET.
RABBI KAHANE SAID JDL DOES NOT CONSIDER SOV DIPLOMATS
TO BE GUESTS AND WILL NOT PERMIT THEM ON STREETS NO MATTER
WHO GUARDS THEM. RABBI KAHANE THINKS IT REPREHENSIBLE
AMERICAN BLACKS DO NOT HARASS SOVIET AFRICAN DIPLOMATS.

4. COMMENT: THIS MTG, AS WELL AS RABBI KAHANE'S MTG
LAST WEEK WITH REPURSED MAFIA FIGURE JOE COLOMBO, STAGED
FOR MAXIMUM TV AND PRESS COVERAGE. IN EACH CASE PRINCIPALS
APPEAR TO BE TALKING FOR TV AUDIENCE RATHER THAN TO
EACH OTHER. DECONTROL 5/19/72
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